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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in this application, please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 31 and 33 as follows:

31. A device that provides remote diagnostic and control capability for equipment comprising:
remote means for monitoring the equipment; and
means for controlling the equipment through the means for monitoring, wherein the means for controlling is attached to the equipment.

33. The device of claim 31, wherein the means for controlling is a controller.

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